



**TOWN OF STRATHAM**  
**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
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**Zoning Board of Adjustment – Variance Application**

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ZBA Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Public Notification Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Application Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials Only) Approval/Denial Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fees Received: \_\_\_\_\_ ZB A Decision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1. General Information (Please print or Type)**

APPLICANT/AGENT Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Town/City State ZIP

PROPERTY OWNER (If different from Applicant) Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Town/City State ZIP

Tax Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Total parcel area: \_\_\_\_\_ (s.f.) Property Deed Information:  
Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (acres) Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING DISTRICT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

OVERLAY DISTRICT(S): ☐ Aquifer Protection District ☐ Wetland Conservation District  
(Check all that apply) ☐ Shoreline Protection ☐ Floodplain Management  
☐ Gateway Commercial Business District

**Section 2. Background**

Please provide a brief description of your project, including your intended use of the property and/or intended improvements to the property, if applicable:

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Section 3. Variance Request

A variance is requested from Section \_\_\_\_\_ Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the Zoning Ordinance and asks that said terms be waived to permit the following:

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The applicant bears the burden of presenting evidence sufficient to allow the Zoning Board to reach conclusions and make findings to support the authorization of a variance. To do so, the undersigned alleges that the following legal criteria for granting a variance are satisfied, and submits the accompanying written statement, records, photographs, and other materials to justify the granting of the variance and to explain how each of the criteria for the variance is or will be satisfied.

Facts supporting this request:

i. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest because:

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ii. The spirit of the ordinance is observed because:

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iii. Substantial justice is done because:

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iv. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished because:

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v. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

1. For purposes of this subparagraph, “unnecessary hardship” means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:

a. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property because:

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And:

b. The proposed use is a reasonable one because:

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2. Explain how, if the criteria in subparagraph 1. are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties on the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it. :

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3. The definition of “unnecessary hardship” set forth in this section shall apply whether the provision of the ordinance from which a variance is sought is a restriction on use, a dimensional or other limitation on a permitted use, or any other requirement of the ordinance.

**Section 4. Applicant's Certification**

I declare under penalty of perjury that all of the submitted information is true and valid to the best of my knowledge and belief and that there is no violation of the approved ordinances, codes, and/or regulations of the Town of Stratham. I have read and agree to abide by the regulations and conditions of approval listed on this application. I understand that my misrepresentations of submitted data may invalidate any approval of this application. I further authorize the Members of the Board and/or their staff to enter onto my property for the purposes of this review.

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*Signature of Applicant*

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*Print Applicant's Name*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Owner*

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*Print Owner's Name*

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*Date***NOTES:**

1. Application must be sign signed by the owner of the property or other person having the legal right to apply as an agent of the owner. If signed by a person other than the owner of the property documentation of the legal right to apply as an agent of the owner must be supplied at the time the application submittal.
2. If applicant is renting/leasing subject property/structures, said applicant must have a signed letter from the owner stating their permission to conduct the proposed business project on their property. This letter must include the property owner's name, current address, and telephone number.

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### Section 4. Applicant's Certification

- ☐ Completed and signed application (check to ensure the proper section is filled out).
  - ☐ Section 1. APPEAL FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
  - ☐ Section 2. APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION
  - ☐ Section 3. APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE
  - ☐ Section 4. APPLICATION FOR EQUITABLE WAIVER OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- ☐ Submission of a plat or drawing, which should provide information in support of the appeal. (9 sets)
- ☐ Completed abutters list with three (3) address labels, no envelopes
- ☐ Fees: \$250 plus \$5 for each abutter
  - \*\*Town of Stratham and all individuals requiring notification (property owner, legal counsel, engineering firms, etc.) must be included on the abutter list.
- ☐ Check for the appropriate amount made out to the Town of Stratham.